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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ACTIONS IN ARGENTINA

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE TERRORIST ACTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN BUENOS AIRES. A/SY/FO IS REQUESTED TO INFORM RSO BUENOS AIRES IF THE REPORTING OF THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION IS OF VALUE. IF SO, SUCH REPORTS WILL BE FURNISHED AS SUMMARIES PERIODICALLY.

2. ON 19 SEP, TERRORISTS OPERATING IN THE GREATER METROPOLITAN AREA OF BUENOS AIRES CARRIED OUT THE ABDUCTION OF JORGE AND JUAN CARLOS BORN, EXECUTIVES OF THE FIRM BUNGE & BORN. THE GENERAL MANAGER AND CHAUFFEUR WERE KILLED DURING THE COURSE OF THE KIDNAPPING. THE ABDUCTION TOOK PLACE AT 0800 IN THE MORNING. BETWEEN 15 AND 20 TERRORISTS WERE INVOLVED. UNIFORMS OF TELEPHONE WORKERS AND POLICE WERE USED AS DISGUISES. CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC WORKS ROAD SIGNS WERE EMPLOYED FOR DIRECTING THE VICTIMS INTO THE TRAP. TWO TRUCKS BEARING FAKE TELEPHONE COMPANY SIGNS WERE USED TO RAM THE CAR CARRYING THE PRINCIPALS AND THE FOLLOW CAR CONVOYING THEIR BODYGUARDS. FATE OF THE BORN IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. A DETAILED REPORT OF THE METHOD OF OPERATION IS BEING FORWARDED A/SY/FO.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD, SEP 22: "RIGHTIST DEATH SQUAD STALKING", "A RIGHTWING DEATH SQUAD SAID YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF THE 'OLD GUARD' PERONIST, JULIO TROXLER, WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN

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IN BUENOS AIRES ON FRIDAY. THE ORGANIZATION WHICH CALLS ITSELF

THE ARGENTINE ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE (AAA), SAID THAT IT HAD ALREADY MURDERED FIVE OTHER LEFTWINGERS AND THREATENED TO ASSASSINATE ANOTHER 11 MEN AND ONE WOMAN IT SAID WERE ON ITS DEATH LIST. THE AAA SAID THAT IT MURDERED TROXLER, WHO WAS ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF A GROUP EXECUTED ON A RUBBISH DUMP AT JOSE LEON SUAREZ IN THE 1956 WHEN THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS PUTTING DOWN A PERONIST COUP, BECAUSE HE WAS 'A BOLSHIE AND A BAD ARGENTINE'. THE TWO PAGE COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED TO NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES, WENT ON 'NOW FIVE ARE DOWN AND THE LEFTIES (ZURDOS) KEEP FALLING, NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE'. NEXT ON THE LIST, IT SAID, WAS NATIONAL DEPUTY HECTOR SANDLER, WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN UP UNTIL YESTERDAY TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY, SANDLER, WHO DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS A REVOLUTIONARY, COUNTERED THE DEATH THREATS BY LAUNCHING A POSTER CAMPAIGN IN BUENOS AIRES IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE FORCES OF REACTION, THE MONOPOLIES, THE OLIGARCHY AND IMPERIALISM WERE OUT TO GET HIM BECAUSE OF HIS RECORD AS A DEFENDER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND RADICAL CAUSES. OSCAR ALENDE, WHO LEADS THE CENTRA-LEFT INTRANSIGENT PARTY, A SPLINTER FROM THE RADICAL PARTY, CHARGED IN MENDOZA THAT THE CIA WAS LINKED TO THE DEATH SQUAD. HE ALLEGED THAT THE CIA WAS OPERATING IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE SAME WAY IT HAD IN CHILE BY SETTING UP EXTREME RIGHTWING PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS TO SNUFF OUT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE DEATH LIST PUT OUT BY THE AAA READS: ORTEGA PENA, CURUCHET, LOPEZ, VARAS, TROXLER, SANDLER, SUELDO, BIDEgain, CAMPORA, LAGUZZI, BETTANIN, VILLANUEVA, FIRMEINICH, CARIDE, TAIANA, ANON AND ARROSTITO. THE FIVE FIRST NAMES ARE MARKED WITH A CROSS. ALL HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED. FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR CAMPORA IS NOT IN ARGENTINA. HE LEFT THE COUNTRY TO TOUR LATIN AMERICA."

4. FOR THE WEEK 16 THROUGH 21 SEP THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING REPORT: "NO SWEETENING IN TUCUMAN" "THE WEEK'S GUERRILLA ACTIVITY WAS MARKED BY A REPORT IN URUGUAYAN NEWSPAPERS ON THURSDAY WHICH SAID MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, LEADER OF THE MARXIST UNMENTIONABLES, HAD ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DECLARING WAR ON THE ARMED FORCES, AS A RESULT OF THE GUERRILLA LOSSES IN CATAMARCA. THERE WERE FOUR DEAD ON MONDAY, INCLUDING THE FORMER VICE GOVERNOR OF CORDOBA, ATILIO LOPEZ, WHO LAST MONTH HAD MOVED INTO POLITICAL OBSCURITY AFTER HE LOST ELECTIONS IN HIS OWN TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNION (UTA) BRANCH. THE WEEK ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STARTED WITH OVER 100 BOMBINGS (WHICH KILLED A POLICEMAN AND TWO OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAPPENED TO BE NEAR THE EXPLOSIONS), MARKING THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1955 REVOLUTION. ON TUESDAY A POLICE DOCTOR WAS MURDERED IN SAN ISIDRO, AND NO RESPONSIBILITY WAS CLAIMED BY ANY GROUP FOR THAT SLAYING. ON WEDNESDAY, TWO MARXIST GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED IN A GUNFIGHT WITH POLICE. ALSO THAT DAY THE LABOUR MINISTRY DELEGATE IN QUILMES, DANTE RUBEN BALCANERAS, WAS MURDERED. ON THURSDAY, THERE WAS THE BORN

KIDNAPPINGS AND TWO MORE MURDERS. AND ON FRIDAY THERE WAS THE MURDER, AGAIN BY ABDUCTORS WHO THROW THEIR VICTIM BOUND AND GAGGED OUT OF CARS AND THEN FIRE DOZENS OF BULLETS AT HIM, OF ANOTHER PERONIST PERSONALITY: JULIO TOMAS TROXLER. HE HAD SURVIVED, WITH SEVERE WOUNDS, THE EXECUTIONS AFTER THE PERONIS UPRISING IN JUNE 1956. AFTER MAY 25 LAST YEAR, TROXLER BECAME ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE IN BUENOS AIRES. SOON AFTER THE FIELD BATTLE AT EZEIZA THAT MARKED THE RETURN OF JUAN PERON, HE RESIGNED FROM THAT JOB. HE WAS STILL IN LEFT WING PERONISM. ON FRIDAY, THE TOTAL OF POLITICAL DEATHS AND MURDERS, SINCE JULY 1, STOOD AT 73, IN 82 DAYS."

5. EXCERPT FROM THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD SEP 22: "MARXISTS TAKE TUCUMAN TOWN" "A 50 STRONG MARXIST GUERRILLA UNIT TOOK OVER A SMALL TOWN, 40 MILES SOUTH OF TUCUMAN, TO CARRY OUT TWO VENGEANCE KILLINGS, POLICE REVEALED YESTERDAY. THE GUERRILLAS, WHO WORE OLIVE GREEN COMBAT UNIFORMS AND WERE HEAVILY ARMED, INVADDED THE TOWN OF SANTA LUCIA IN TRUCKS. THEY TOOK OVER THE MAIN SQUARE, SET UP A MACHINE GUN, AND THEN OCCUPIED THE TOWN HALL, POLICE STATION AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. ONLY ONE MAN WAS IN THE POLICE STATION OF THE TOWN, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 6,000. HE WAS LOCKED IN THE CELL. THE GUERRILLAS THEN ASKED HIM THE WEHREABOUTS OF POLICE OFFICER EUDORO IBARRA. THEN THEY WENT TO HIS HOUSE, BURSTING IN THROUGH THE DOOR. HE WAS SHOT AS HE SAT AT THE TABLE IN THE KITCHEN, EATING DINNER WITH HIS WIFE, CHILDREN AND FATHER-IN-LAW. THE APPARENT LEADER OF THE GUERRILLAS THEN FIRED ONE BULLET FROM A REVOLVER INTO HIS HEAD AS HE LAY ON THE FLOOR. SIMULTANEOUSLY ANOTHER GUERRILLA GROUP SOUGHT OUT HECTOR OSCAR ZARASPE, WHO WORKS IN THE TOWN TEXTILE PLANT GRAFANOR. HE WAS NOT IN HIS HOUSE BUT THE GUERRILLAS TRACED HIM TO THE BAR OF THE LOCAL CLUB, WHICH HE TENDS IN HIS SPARE TIME. THEY ENTERED THE CLUB, CALLED ZARASPE BY NAME AND WHEN HE STOOD UP, SHOT HIM DOWN."

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6. THE FOLLOWING WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE HERALD SEP 23: "JTP YOUTH KILLED-EIGHT BULLETS" "A TEENAGE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' LEADER'S BULLET RIDDEN BODY WAS FOUND ABANDONED ON A DIRT ROAD IN BAHIA BLANCA YESTERDAY AFTER GUNMEN HAD FORECIBLY HIM FROM HIS HOME WHILE HIS PARENTS AND BROTHERS LOOKED ON HELPLESSLY. EARLY YESTERDAY FOUR GUNMEN, ANNOUNCING THEMSELVES AS POLICE BROKE DOWN THE DOOR TO LUIS JESUS GARCIA'S HOME WHEN THEIR KNOCKS HAD GONE UNANSWERED. THEY DRAGGED THE TEENAGE BOY FROM HIS BED AND ONE OF THE ASSASSINS WHO WAS MASKED FORCED HIM INTO THE GET-AWAY CAR AT GUN-POINT. THE BOY'S FAMILY PARALYSED WITH FEAR IMMEDIATELY ALERTED THE POLICE AND LOCAL RADIO STATION AS THEIR SON'S ABDUCTORS SPED AWAY INTO THE NIGHT. TWO HOURS LATER, AT 6 AM, A POLICE SEARCH PARTY FOUND GARCIA'S BLOOD-STAINED BODY ON A DIRT ROAD 12 KM SOUTH OF BAHIA BLANCA. EIGHT BULLET HOLES WERE COUNTED IN HIS BODY. THE 18 YEAR OLD GARCIA WAS A MEMBER OF THE PERONIST WORKERS YOUTH

(JTP) BUT POLICE SAID YESTERDAY THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE ON THE CASE TO MAKE IT A POLITICAL MURDER. GARCIA IS THE SECOND TEENAGER TO BE MURDERED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS. ON SATURDAY 17 YEAR OLD SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT LUIS ALBERTO CATELLETTO WAS SHOT DEAD IN HIS BED AT HIS APARTMENT HOME AT BARRACAS. POLICE HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN ABLE TO THROW ANY LIGHT ON THE MYSTERIOUS KILLING. UNOFFICIAL REPORTS CLAIMED THE BOY'S FATHER HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A DEATH THREAT WHICH MAKES THE DEATH OF THE BOY A RESULT OF AN UNFORTUNATE MIX-UP."

7. WHILE SOME OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS TELEGRAM REPEATS THAT ALREADY PROVIDED IN OTHER EMBASSY TELEGRAMS, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT SY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECEIVING OUR TELEGRAMS ON TERRORISTS ACTS IN ARGENTINA. THIS MESSAGE IS SENT TO BRING SY UP TO DATE ON THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. HENCEFORTH, ALL MESSAGES DEALING WITH TERRORISM WILL BE TAGGED ASEC IN ADDITION TO PINS, SY CAN OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON TERRORIST ACTS FROM THE DAILY FBIS.
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